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## To I. B.

Like dim silver spider-webs,  
The untouched lace of maiden dreams  
Lies in your pale blue basket.  
You are a timid market-woman.  
People float past your stand  
Topped with its huge, pale blue basket,  
But you only whisper of your wares  
And you are not heard . . .  
Yet sometimes, someone passing,  
And cradling his pale, curious flame,  
Must stop to eye your huge, blue basket;  
Must speak softly to himself:

"A market-woman who does not shout  
Or look upon you—she is like the dreams  
That lie within her basket, never sold."

*Maxwell Bodenheim.*